

GIRL RISING, CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED FILM, TRANSLATED INTO TAJIKI **| Shoira Toirova**

Shoira Toirova has translated the acclaimed film, *Girl Rising*, into Tajiki with funds from an Alumni Small Grant. *Girl Rising* centers on the story of nine girls from developing countries as they pursue their desire for education. Ms. Toirova has had several showings of the film, targeted towards young males, in order to emphasize the need for educating young women in Tajikistan.



FLEX ALUMNA HOLDS INTERVIEW WORKSHOP IN KHOROG

| Nazir Bahriddinov

Rahon Jonbekova, FLEX alumna, held an interview workshop at the American Corner in Khorog. Going over such topics as vocal tones and the impact of stress, Ms. Jonbekova provided the students with valuable advice for future interviews with potential universities and employers.



WRITING THE PERFECT ESSAY

| **Rahon Jonbekova**

Rahon Jonbekova, Flex alumna, participated in a mentoring sessions with students at the American Corner in Khorog. Ms.

Jonbekova shared strategies for writing essays and personal statements. Going over such topics as writing structure, she helped students understand the importance of crafting the perfect essay when applying for scholarships and other competitive competitions.



WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP IN KHATLON

| **Firuzjon Sodikov**

Students at the Gurdofarid Education Center recently participated in a teambuilding workshop. Using experiences they have gained at the Center, students engaged in a variety of activities and exercises. At the end of the workshop, students prepared a birthday poster for their teacher, Firuzjon Sodikov.



UGRAD ALUMNA SHARES HER STORY AND ENCOURAGES STUDENTS

| **Idris Jonmamadov**



Idris Jonmamadov, Fulbright and UGRAD, alumnus, spoke with students at the American Corner in Khorog about the UGRAD Program. Mr. Jonmamadov went over the application process, required documents, and gave suggestions to prospective applicants.

The UGRAD Program supports Tajik students hoping to study for one semester at a U.S. college or university. Students are provided with tuition support, travel expenses, health insurance, and a monthly stipend.

BOOSTING VOLUNTEERISM IN QURGHONTEPPA

| **Manizha Jumaeva,**

Manizha Jumaeva, Benjamin Franklin alumna, spoke with students at the American Corner in Qurghonteppa about the importance and impact of volunteering. Ms. Jumaeva spoke about how individuals can benefit their communities and also gain valuable experience while volunteering. Over thirty-three students participated and enjoyed learning about Ms. Jumaeva's personal experiences.



EXAMINING WATER ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS IN TAJIKISTAN

| Farhod Jabborov

Farhod Jabborov, alumnus of the Open World Program, held a discussion on Water Management in Central Asia at the American Corner in Dushanbe. Topics covered included water usage in Tajikistan and problems facing neighboring countries. Mr. Jabborov asked the attendees for their views on how to solve these challenges throughout the region. Over thirty-five students enjoyed talking with Mr. Jabborov.



#SHEFORHE AND #HEFORSHE: PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY

| Nushofarin Noziri,



Nushofarin Noziri, FLEX alumna, explained the #heforshe and #sheforhe campaigns for gender equality to students at the American Corner in Dushanbe. Ms. Noziri spoke about her time in America and how it led her to pursue her current passion for gender equality in Tajikistan and around the world. Over forty-five students came to speak with Ms. Noziri about the #heforshe and #sheforhe campaigns.

MUSKIE ALUMNA WORKS TO ENHANCE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN TAJIKISTAN

| Lola Raimbekova

Lola Raimbekova presented on the “Development of Early Childhood Education and Care in Tajikistan: Hope for Accessibility, Affordability, and Quality in Early Years Education” at two international conferences: RECE Re- Conceptualizing Early Child Curriculum at Kent State University in November 2014 and the CIES Comparative International Education Society conference held in Washington DC in March 2015. At these conferences she also discussed early childhood development training initiatives she designed and facilitated with American professor, Dr. Martha Lash May 2014. Further details are discussed later in this report in the Muskie MAX alumni grant section.



MUSKIE ALUMNA RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS PROMOTION

| Mehrafruz Jonmamadova

Mehrafruz Jonmamadova has been working with Pamir Energy Company since 2012 as the Grants & Reporting Officer and was promoted to Special Projects Manager in October 2014. The promotion makes her directly responsible for developing grants proposals, board and donor reports including operational progress and cross-border projects in Tajikistan and Afghanistan, as well as business cases for internal revenue reinvestment into rehabilitation of generation, transmission and distribution capacities.

